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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the United States House of Representatives
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Madam Speaker,

As Members of Congress, we are instilled with a responsibility to work in a bipartisan manner to solve our nation's biggest problems. This duty requires our body to work together, particularly in times of uncertainty, to find ways to move forward and work in the best interest of both our constituents and the entire nation.

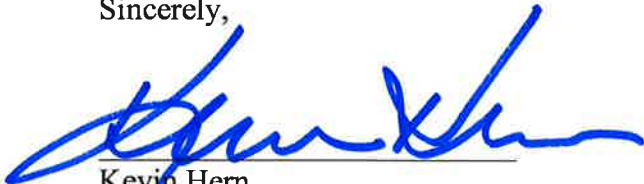
Despite the partisanship that often plagues our work, I am confident that the House of Representatives is still capable of stepping up to the task of providing necessary bipartisan solutions for this crisis. Just last week, we were able to pass a funding bill, almost unanimously, to combat the coronavirus pandemic. This week's response to the virus should be no different.

Congress must act swiftly, but we should not act hastily.

This afternoon, President Trump exhibited the leadership expected from the American people by declaring a National Emergency to free various funds and resources to help our nation combat this pandemic. In addition, the Senate has already committed to forgo their state work period, to stay in Washington to pass legislation to address this pressing issue. This decision, in my opinion, upholds the standard of leadership that is ultimately expected of us by our constituents.

On behalf of my constituents, your constituents, and the general public of the United States, I am calling upon you, Madam Speaker, to work through the weekend, cancel Congress' previously scheduled recess next week and stay in Washington, as we have been elected to do, until we are able to pass a bill through the House, the Senate, and have it signed by the President that will provide for Americans who are struggling during this time.

Sincerely,



Kevin Hern
Member of Congress